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Ms Kris Mayes
Commissioner
AZ Corporate Commission
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Todd Donovan
7324 E. Crimson Sky Trail
Scottsdale, AZ 85266

AZ CORP COMMISSION
DOCKET CONTROL

RE: Recent Rate Hike - Decision #71865

SW-02361A-08-0609

Dear Ms Mayes;

I am writing you this letter of concern over the recent exorbitant rate hike your commission authorized to Liberty Water Company (Black Mtn. Sewer Corp) which has taken effect on September 1st.

How does a responsible Commission authorize a rate increase of 43% in one signature of the pen to allow "a rate increase that would produce a just and reasonable rate of return on the fair value of BMSC's utility plant and property."???

So for the past ten years they (BMSC) were getting a reasonable rate of return, but, since Liberty Water Co. purchased the assets of BMSC last year, and their customer base, Liberty Water all of a sudden realized that they are not getting a reasonable return on investment? Sounds like Liberty didn't do their due diligence as required when purchasing assets, and their new customers are now going to pay for their anticipated profits.

I have been at this address in No. Scottsdale for over ten years. The rate has increased once, approximately 17% some years ago, when Scottsdale was building their new 'Water Park' on Union Hills Drive. I can see that increase being a reasonable one, and the updating of the treatment plant is a good investment for everyone in Scottsdale, along with the health concern for everyone.

What would have been fair, is a tiered system of sewer rates. My 2100 sq.ft. condo only has two bedrooms, two toilets, one adult living in it. I travel a lot and do not abuse the washing machines, mostly dry cleaning everything. For me to justify a \$19.51 monthly increase with little usage of the sewer system is hard to swallow. I am paying the balance of the anticipated profits to Liberty for those in my neighborhood who own 5,000+ homes with two adults, kids, four bathrooms and lots of laundry every day. They are paying the same rate as I do...that is not a fair system of rates. The new rate should have been based on a similar rate determination such as property taxes, based on value, which is in turn based mostly on square footage of the structure. Or base it on my fresh water consumption, which has a City meter on it, a percentage of the water 'in' will undoubtedly be taken 'out' to the sewer. I feel you have not acted in our best interests to protect the integrity of the trust we have put in your commission.

I would like you know you have some very unhappy constituents out here in No. Scottsdale. If there is a way to reverse this abuse of power that was used to appease a franchisee by overburdening tax payers with another rate increase just to make the bottom line of a company look good, you have made a mistake. I wish you luck in the next election, as you do not have my vote of confidence.

Thank you.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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12725 W Indian School Rd. D101
Avondale, AZ 85392

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FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR BILL CALL (480) 488-4152
FOR EMERGENCIES (After Hours) CALL (623) 935-3395

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AZ Corp K&S Mayes - DIRECTOR
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602 542 4251
CONSUMER SOLS

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Account Number:	
Community Code:	8100
Statement #:	311371
Bill Date:	09/11/2010
Due Date:	09/27/2010
Total Amount Due:	\$73.33

Service Address:

7324 E Crimson Sky TRL

AZ Corp Consumer
1200 W WILSON
PHX 85007

View your account online at www.libertywater.com

SERVICE TYPE	SERVICE DATES	METER NUMBER	CURRENT READ	PREVIOUS READ	UNITS	CHARGE
Residential Waste Water Fees	09/01/2010 - 09/30/2010				1	65.24

ANNUAL WATER CONSUMPTION COMPARISON

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Previous Balance	\$45.73
Payment - Thank you!	\$45.73
Miss Applied Payments	\$7.96
Residential Waste Water Fees	\$65.24
ACC Assessment	\$0.13
EFT - Do Not Pay	\$73.33

+ \$19.51 / mo. increase

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT, DETACH AND RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

EFT Payment

Please include your account number on your check
Make check payable to **Black Mountain Sewer Corp**

☐ See reverse for automatic payment and address change

Service Address: 7324 E Crimson Sky TRL

PAST DUE CHARGES	CURRENT CHARGES	TOTAL DUE	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
\$0.00	\$73.33	\$73.33	*** EFT ***

The total due will be deducted from your account and credited as your automatic payment on 09/27/2010

Check Number

Account Number:

Community Code:

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LIBERTY WATER

PO BOX 52620

PHOENIX AZ 85072-2620

It is due and payable when rendered and delinquent after the due date, or any previous balance that is overdue a delinquent charge is assessed and this location is subject to disconnect.

Late Fees: See reverse for late fee details.